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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Creates a crime which prohibits the intentional interference or prevention of any person from making an emergency communication and provides criminal penalties.

Proposed law creates the crime of interfering with emergency communication and provides that the crime is committed when a person disconnects, damages, disables, removes, or uses physical force or intimidation to block access to any telephone or telecommunications device with the specific intent to interfere or prevent an individual from doing any of the following:

- (1) Using a 911 emergency telephone number.
- (2) Obtaining medical assistance.
- (3) Making a report to any law enforcement officer.

Proposed law provides that persons who commit this proposed law crime shall be either fined not more than \$500, imprisoned for not more than six months, or both.

Proposed law defines "law enforcement officer" and "telecommunications device".

(Adds R.S. 14:338)